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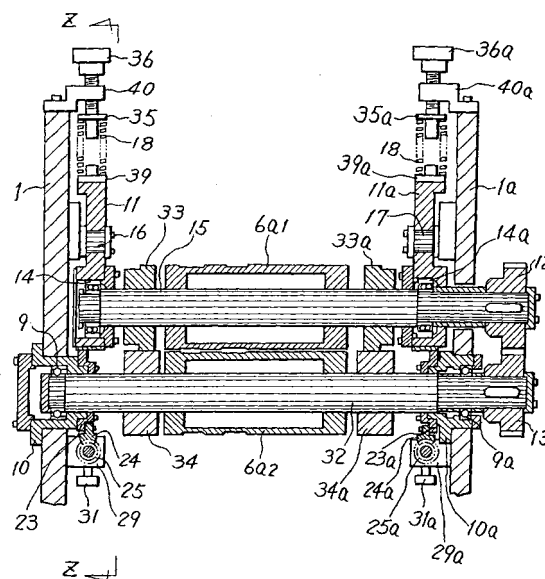
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(54) **Nipping roller gap adjusting device**

(57) Nipping roller gap adjustment for adjusting the gap between a first roller (6a2) rotatably provided at a prescribed position and a second, movable, roller (6a1). The nipping-roller gap adjusting device comprises a pair of supporting arms (11, 11a) one end of each of the supporting arms being swingably supported and the other end thereof rotatably supporting the second roller (6a1). A pressing force imparting means forces the support arms in such a direction that cause the second roller (6a1) to approach the first roller (6a2) and which, at the same time, can adjust the magnitude of the force. A minimum gap setting means can set a minimum gap between the first roller (6a1) and the second roller (6a2). A gap adjusting means adjusts the size of the gap between the first roller (6a1) and the second roller (6a2). A fixed frame member rotatably supports the first roller (6a1). The gap adjusting means is mounted on the fixed frame member.

FIG. 2





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